

Virginia's Seaside Water Trail



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Navigating the Virginia Seaside Water Trail

*An Internet Guide to Paddling the
Seaside of Virginia's Eastern Shore*

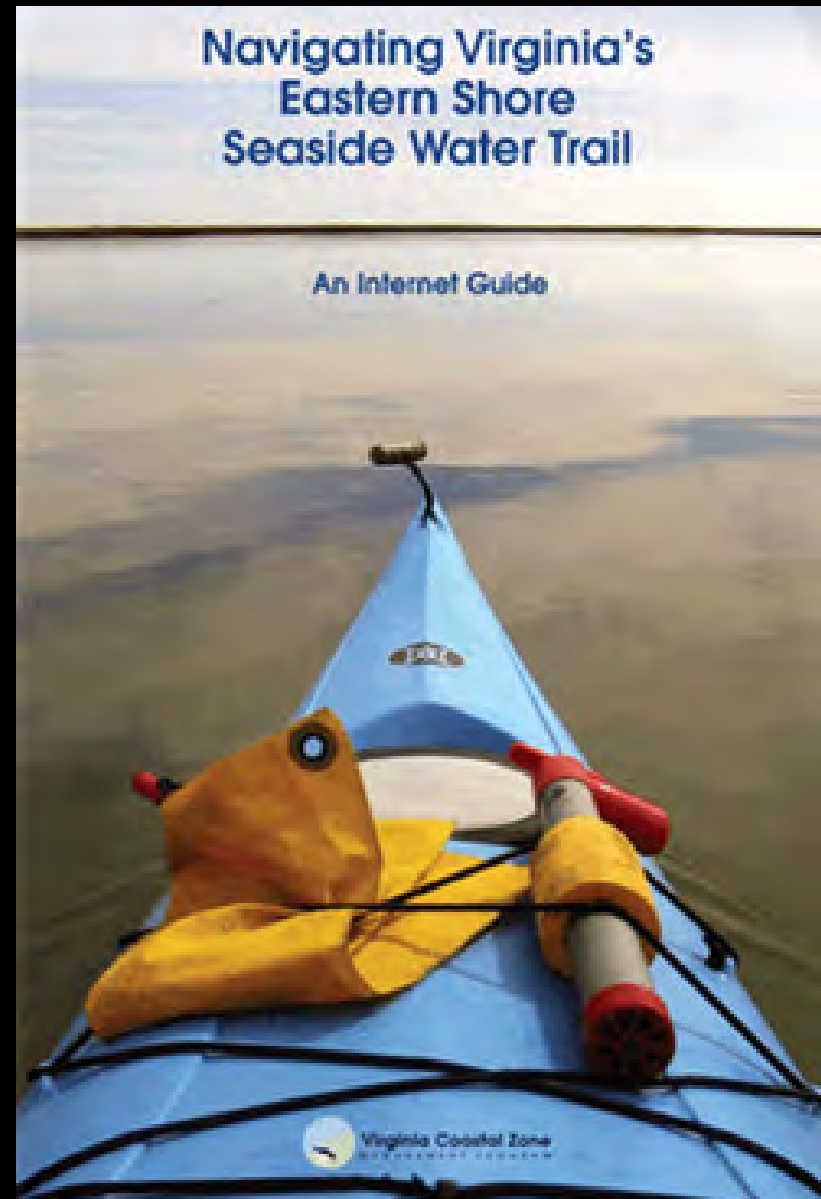


CZM Seaside Heritage Program Ecotourism Improvements (2002-2008)

\$250,000+ to AN PDC,
DGIF, VIMS, SEE, ESCC
for 7 components

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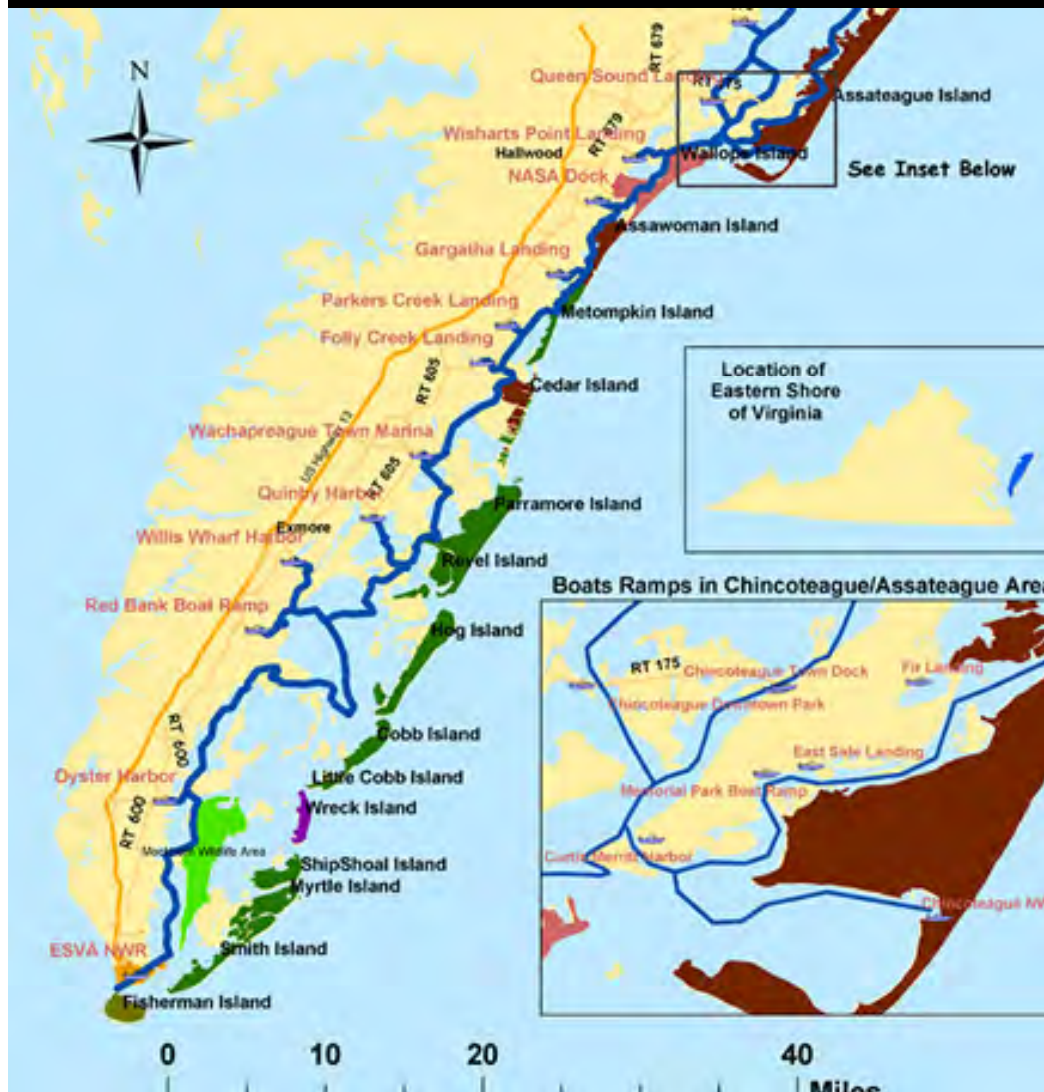
1) Printed brochure



Seaside Water Trail

2) Online mapping site

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/CoastalZoneManagement/CZMIssues/Initiatives/SeasideWaterTrail.aspx>



- 12 beginner, 10 intermediate, 15 advanced routes
- Downloadable/printable maps
- Driving directions to 20 launch sites
- Conservation and safety info
- Links to lodging and services

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3) 4 floating docks



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4) 5 sets of interpretive signage



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5) Willis Wharf wildlife observation deck



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6) Ecotour Guide Certification Courses



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Eastern Shore CC and
Rappahannock CC Ecotour
Guide Certification Classes
– coming Spring 2014



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7) On-water seaside camping platform feasibility study

Seaside Water Trail Camping Platform Feasibility

Final Report
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7 A Chickee Camp Site in Everglades National Park



4 Approaching a Floating Camping Platform in Alabama

Coming Next: Seaside Water Trail Association

CZM Grant to A-N PDC

Seeks to:

- Build on the platform study
- Develop a regional network or association that can manage water trail camping sites
- Potentially link to the Capt. John Smith Water Trail
- Write an implementation plan
- Seek public comment



3 Kayak Campers on Mockhorn Island

